

Op-Ed: High-Speed Internet For Rural America

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In rural America, we enjoy an unparalleled quality of life. However, we have always

As we continue to move into the information age, it's more important than ever tha

Unfortunately, parts of South Dakota and rural America remain underserved or wh

There already exists an important program that provides loans to provide broadband

The current law is designed to provide loans to areas of rural America that do not c

The problem arises because the definition RUS uses to identify “rural” areas is too

My bill does a couple of things to address these flaws and improve the program. F

I believe my bill will ensure that the original intent of the program is realized: ensure

This bill will be discussed in the context of the Farm Bill reauthorization, so as a m

Access to broadband service is critical to the quality of life in rural America. It has